

The personalities define the conquests of tomorrow.

For centuries, Islam was led by personalities who had no parallel in terms of bravery and resolve. Their words, deeds, and sacrifices became part of the essential foundation with which Islam heightened to its glory. Allah chose them that they may establish Tawhid and made them the eventual inheritors of the land.

Thus, these men with great characteristics complete their term and leave behind the legacy to be carried forth by the similar individuals, whom Allah blesses with similar characters and attributes. Therefore, we see the lions rise and fall across the Ummah, only to rise again. Therefore, the religion never ceases to stop.

With the sincere struggle of such men, the Ummah kept sprinting back to life even if it disappointed every Mushrik disbeliever on the earth. And among them, the great leaders and warriors came forth and gave their sacrifices for Islam. Each of them fulfilled their roles with utmost care, while having no concern for the blame of the blamers. Their personalities and attitudes were among the reasons for the tremendous impact they had on societies. Among these individuals were the daring, brave and courageous Mujāhidīn of the Islamic State, who gave their lives for victories for Islam from the east and the west.

Hence, with the obligation of Jihad on the neck of every

able man, it is crucial that each individual adorn himself with the attributes of the Mujāhidīn. They are prominently recognized and famous for their great characters. So, if we are to commence upon the path of Jihad, we must beautify ourselves with the upbringing of the warriors of Islam. What can be said about a man who embarks on a caravan fighting to eradicate Shirk and evil from the earth while having a flawed character and detestable attitude? The Messenger (PBUH) said: **"The best of you is the best of you in attitude."** (al-Bukhari) The Mujāhidīn are the sacrificial shields protecting the Ummah. The oppressed ones look up to them, and they are among the best of mankind. For this reason, they are included among those who are most befitting to have the best of characters among the Muslims.

Jihad in the path of Allah is among the most challenging responsibilities on the human soul as it demands the total exertion of one's life and wealth. It is impossible to undertake its duties, except for the one whom Allah has made its qualities abundant. And Allah aids those who sincerely strive for it. If we observe the life of the Messenger (PBUH), we would see how little he slept and how his feet would swell from the concerns of this religion. We would see his companions (may Allah be pleased with them) with bodies that seemingly did not feel pain. They did not waver even when

they were chopped into pieces in the battlefields, whipped during slavery, or burnt in the extremities of the Meccan desert. Their motives were clear, and they did not budge, nor did they trade the contract they made with their Lord for any trivial issue of this life. Their personalities were the ultimate match for the roles they have taken to serve this Ummah. Allah blessed their time in a way that their whole day was productive, and they would not spare a breath in useless matters. All these reasons inclusive made them the golden batch of this Ummah, from whom we all should seek to learn the good examples.

Today, we may see individuals who are lazy and careless when it comes to upholding their duties. And specific individuals may be finding it challenging to prioritize and be productive in terms of which task they should give precedence to. We may find cowardliness and feminineness among certain men, and masculinity and roughness in some women. For some, their sins may be weighing them down from achieving better results in their work. With such qualities, it would be challenging to aid Ummah in its cause.

In contrast to all these bad qualities, each Mujāhid should strive his best to correct his affairs and make them in line with the teachings of Islam. The Mujāhid should wisely dedicate his time and efforts in a way that leaves him no chance to maneuver into matters that do not serve the best interest of the Ummah. He should study the biographies of the Salaf, the lives of the righteous, and the martyred ones. He should avoid getting frustrated with minor issues, strive to attain patience and work on not being hasty in making judgments about other Muslims. The Mujāhid should also be farsighted, well versed with the affairs of the Ummah, and understand the aims of the Islamic State and observe the rulings of war in its entirety. He should be obedient and strive to rid himself of doubts and ambiguous thoughts. He should think well of the Islamic State, its leaders, its Munāsirīn, and the general Muslim body. He should also uphold his worship and establishment of Allah's Laws in the fields of his administration.

Among the best of personalities are those who are sincerely devoted and loyal to their duties. In Islam, the role of responsibility is not narrowed down to a few people. Instead, it is distributed among people so that almost everyone carries the burden or responsibility of someone or something else. And this chain of accountability binds the Muslims in a ball of justice. If everyone upholds their duties, no one will face injustice. This perfect structure aids in keeping everyone in check while helping them safeguard their obligations in religion. At its peak, adhering to the Commands of Allah in establishing the religion is Amīrul Muminīn, who is responsible for the whole Ummah. Then follows his loyal and truthful Governors who are responsible for their districts and regions, the Commanders who are responsible for their troops, the Leaders of smaller groups with official and non-official ties with the main body, responsible for their cell members, the

foot soldier responsible for his duties and family, the woman responsible for her husband's household and so forth. It necessitates that the noble characteristics of Islam and personalities matching that of the righteous predecessors are to be adorned by each individual, including fulfilling their rights and duties.

Among the qualities of a true Mujāhid is being an excellent example to those around him. Specifically, in the field of Jihad, where the motivation and courage of one individual sets spark among the ranks, it is vital to excel in setting such examples. It is also so that the others follow the example of his deeds that attest to the truth of his words. In the battle of 'Uhud, while the companions were wounded and losing their moral, the Messenger (PBUH) remained firm and called them from behind. Allah almighty Said: **"[Remember] when you [fled and] climbed [the mountain] without looking aside at anyone while the Messenger was calling you from behind. So, Allah repaid you with distress upon distress so you would not grieve for that which had escaped you [of victory and spoils of war] or [for] that which had befallen you [of injury and death]. And Allah is [fully] Acquainted with what you do."** (Al-'Imran:153)

The books of knowledge are filled with similar events which highlight the hallmark characteristics of those who left this legacy for us. Because we are urged to strive and give victory to the Islamic State by conquering the lands and establishing the religion upon people as much as possible, it strongly necessitates that our personalities are corrected. Also, after a conquest in those lands, with the permission of Allah, we would be dealing with none other than Muslims of varying levels. If they are dealt harshly, they will desert and flee. Allah, Furthermore, our tongues can also be an obstacle in perfecting our personalities. It was narrated that Anas ibn Malik (RA) said, **"The Prophet (peace be upon him) was not one who would abuse (others) or say obscene words, or curse (others), and if he wanted to admonish anyone of us, he used to say: 'What is wrong with him, his forehead be dusted!'"** (al-Bukhari)

With Mujāhidīn coming from diverse cultures and backgrounds, many of these characters could only be implemented by compelling and forcing oneself to engrave it into himself. If our characters have unattended defects, it can affect the Ummah to a great extent. The Muslim Jamā'ah is bound as one, with each part of it being dependent on the other. If any part becomes careless in upholding its roles, there would be many delays in the victories. And as a result, it may also expose many Muslims to danger. Therefore, strive and give precedence to matters of the afterlife more than this life. Those who follow us are guided by our personalities, attributes, and the examples we set forth.

